

Our Astrological Mask



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If you've ever wondered why you don't quite seem to fit the characteristics of your Sun sign, it could be because you identify more with your Rising

sign. In astrology, we often refer to the 'big three' and by this we mean Sun sign, Moon sign and Rising sign.

Each plays a very important role in the birth chart and corresponds to core features of your personality and life. Let's take a closer look at the Rising sign ...

The birth chart plots the exact positions of the planets according to the date, time and place of birth. Naturally divided into 12 to show each zodiac sign, as if on a wheel, it's the time of birth that determines the position of the wheel. The sign of the zodiac that appears on the eastern horizon the moment an individual is born is known as the Rising sign.

Our Sun sign describes our core identity, what motivates us in life and the fundamental characteristics of our personality. Our Moon sign describes the more private inner world of our emotions and our unconscious drives. Whereas our Rising sign can be described as our 'mask'

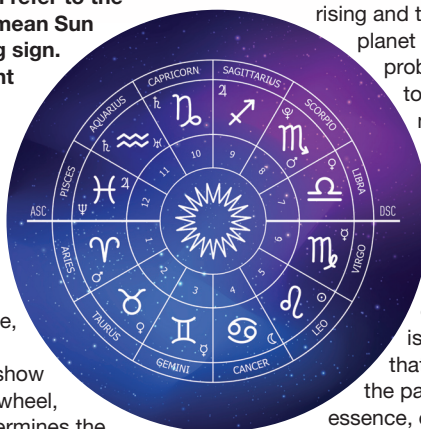
and it is often how others experience us. We can look and act like our Rising sign. It's not unusual to find a red-headed butcher, for example, only to discover that they have Aries rising. If you know somebody who takes great pride in their hair you could well be looking at a Leo rising and their distinctive mane. If you're introverted and prefer to sit in the shadows but are perceptive and don't miss a trick, you might well be a Scorpio rising. There's a certain beauty and refinement to those born with Taurus or Libra

rising and this is because Venus, the planet of love, rules both signs. We probably all know folk who seem to possess a youthful gene and never age, well they might well have Mercury-ruled Gemini or Virgo rising. And so it goes on!

Our Rising sign is described as our mask because it can act as a front or a façade to hide behind. It is the part of our personality that is most easily expressed, the part that we let others see. In essence, our Rising sign is our vehicle,

it takes us through the twists and turns of life, driving us forward to achieve the potential as described by our Sun sign.

Do you know your Rising sign? It can explain a lot!



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